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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY CRITICIZES EC FOR SPURNING

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MPLA ARMS REQUEST

SUMMARY: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY BLAMES WESTERN FAILURE TO SUPPORT MPLA FOR SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. HE IS SAID TO HAVE PUSHED FOR A COMMON EC ATTITUDE TOWARD RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA IN EC IN JANUARY AND WANTS A COMMON POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA NOW. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S DANISH PRESS, FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN DISCUSSED DELIBERATIONS OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG FEB. 23. ON ANGOLA, ANDERSEN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT EUROPE HAS ITSELF TO BLAME FOR PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA. THE MPLA FIRST APPROACHED THE WESTERN WORLD FOR SUPPORT, INCLUDING ARMS AID, ANDERSEN REPORTEDLY SAID. IF THIS REQUEST HAD BEEN ACCOMMODATED, THE MPLA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FORCED TO GO ELSEWHERE.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME CONTRADICTION AMONG THE PRESS STORIES, ANDERSEN IS FURTHER REPORTED AS STATING THAT DENMARK HAD VIGOROUSLY BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY PUSHED A PROPOSAL IN JANUARY TO PREPARE A JOINT EC POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA. HE IS QUOTED AS CALLING FOR A JOINT EC AFRICAN POLICY (SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE) BUT COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SEVERAL EC COUNTRIES TO CHANGE THEIR COURSE AND SUPPORT THE AFRICAN FREEDOM MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE FRENCH SOLO DECISION TO RECOGNIZE ANGOLA, ANDERSEN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT COOPERATION ON FOREIGN POLICY IN THE EC CONTEXT IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE, BUT THOSE WHO WORRY THAT POLITICAL COOPERATION WILL GO TOO FAST OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO PRESENT BASIS FOR THEIR FEAR.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE DISCUSSED ANGOLA AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE MFA OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. DANISH SYMPATHY FOR THE MPLA CAUSE HAS BEEN APPARENT. BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO PREVIOUS SUGGESTION FROM OUR MFA INTERLOCUTORS THAT THE WEST SHOULD HAVE PROVIDED ARMS TO THE MPLA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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